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HB 5537

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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

I have been a practicing Naturopathic physician in CT for the past 31 years. I am proud to be part of multi-generational family medical care. Most of my patients view me as their "primary" physician as they come to me first with any medical concern.

It is frustrating for me, and even more frustrating for them to be sent off to another physician for treatment that I cannot give them because of our restricted practice law. Too often, the next physician repeats testing that I have just performed burdening the insurance system and the patient in terms of their time and energy. They want to be treated by me and I want them to have the continuity of health care they so desire. Thank you for your kind attention.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Germain